

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An audit quotation system ~~A method for assuring compliance of a quality standards registrar with governmental or quasi-governmental accrediting agencies, the method comprising:~~

one or more computers configured to

receive ~~obtaining~~ client information including at least an industry code identifying a type of industry of a product or service provided by a client, a type of quality audit, and a number of employees employed by the client;

receive ~~determining~~ auditor staffing requirements information, wherein the auditor staffing requirements information is based on the client information the number of employees employed by the client;

generate ~~preparing~~ a formal quotation using a computer database application at a central location for an audit based on the client information and the auditor staffing requirements information;

store ~~storing~~ formal quotation information in the computer [[a]] database application for tracking existing and prospective clients; and

reviewing and approving the formal quotation at the central location; and
transmit the ~~forwarding the approved~~ formal audit quotation to a salesperson for delivery to the client. .

2-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The system ~~method~~ of claim 1 wherein the industry code comprises the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code established by the United States Department of Commerce.

10. (Currently Amended) The system method of claim 1 wherein the type of audit is selected from an environmental audit, a quality system audit, a pre-assessment audit, an initial registration audit, a registration upgrade audit, and a surveillance audit.

11. (Currently Amended) The system method of claim 1 wherein the industry code includes a hierarchical classification system having major and minor classifications.

12. (Currently Amended) The system method of claim 11 wherein the one or more computers are further configured to assign ~~comprising assigning~~ auditors based on the industry code.

13-16. (Cancelled)